GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Rapid Survey of Children
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of findings of UNICEF supported Rapid Survey of Children which has revealed some startling findings about malnourishment, stunting, underweight, immunisation, etc. in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise; and
(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) & (b) The report of the Rapid Survey on Children (RSoC), 2013-14, commissioned by Ministry of Women and Child Development, indicates during the relevant period, a reduction in level of underweight among children under 5 years of age from 42.5% in NFHS-3 (2005-06) to 29.4%, stunting from 48% in NFHS-3 to 38.7% and wasting from 19.8% in NFHS-3 to 15.1% in RSoC. The state-wise prevalence of underweight, stunting and wasting among children under 5 years of age and the status of immunization coverage in the country are at Annexure-I and II.

(c) The Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is implementing several schemes/programmes of different Ministries/Departments through State Governments/UT Administrations. This Ministry is implementing Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Maternity Benefit Programme as direct targeted interventions to address the problem of malnutrition in the country.

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